

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1 -21 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18 and 19 have been amended.

Claims 1-21 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of Claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

In Section 2 of the February 9, 2005, Office Action, the Examiner objects to Claim 1 because of an informality. In response, the Applicant has amended Claim 1 to correct the informality and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection to Claim 1.

In Sections 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,275,829 to Angiulo, *et al.*, ("*Angiulo*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,489,976 to Patil, *et al.*, ("*Patil*"). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicant's invention. Claim 1 contains the unique and non-obvious limitations emphasized below:

1. For use in a browser, a converter for automatically adapting markup language documents for display in small areas comprising:
a conversion controller for scanning a portion of markup language source selected for display for tags associated with graphical elements and automatically replacing each detected graphical element within the selected markup language source portion with one of a plurality of placeholders having labels corresponding to a set of buttons,

wherein the plurality of placeholders are reused to replace detected graphical elements within other portions of the markup language source when such other portions are selected for display. (*emphasis added*)

The Applicant respectfully asserts that the above-emphasized limitations are not disclosed in the *Angiulo* reference, the *Patil* reference, or in the combination of the *Angiulo* reference and the *Patil* reference.

The *Angiulo* reference remarks on the increasing size of Web pages as more images are included in the pages and the resulting increase in page download times, particularly for users employing slow Internet connections. *See Angiulo; col. 5, lines 17-25*. The reference suggests that a creator of a Web page may enable his page to download more quickly by including thumbnail images, rather than full-size images, in the page. *See Angiulo; col. 5, lines 38-44*. The *Angiulo* reference thus describes a method to enable a Web page creator to automatically place a thumbnail image in a Web page to represent an original full-size image. *See Angiulo; col. 5, lines 61-63*. The Web page creator initiates this method by selecting a full-size image to be replaced. *See Angiulo; col. 5, lines 65-66; col. 10, lines 40-43*. The method then produces a thumbnail image, provides a link to the original full-size image on the server, inserts a tag in the Web page for the thumbnail image and the link to the full-size image, and enables the Web page creator to store the Web page, thumbnail image and link on the server. *See Angiulo; col. 5, line 66, to col. 6, line 7*.

Thus, the *Angiulo* reference teaches a method and system for use by a Web page creator to selectively replace full-size images in a Web page with thumbnail images and store the modified page. In distinct contrast, independent Claim 1 recites a converter for use in a browser that

automatically adapts markup language documents for display. The converter includes a conversion controller that scans for graphical elements and automatically replaces them with placeholders having labels corresponding to a set of buttons. Where the system of the *Angiulo* reference enables a user to selectively alter a Web page for storage, the Applicant's invention, as recited in Claim 1, automatically adapts a markup language document for display. The Applicant respectfully asserts that the *Patil* reference does nothing to overcome this shortcoming of the *Angiulo* reference.

As such, the Applicant respectfully asserts that amended independent Claim 1 contains unique and novel limitations that are not disclosed, suggested or even hinted at in the *Angiulo* reference, the *Patil* reference, or in the combination of the *Angiulo* reference and the *Patil* reference.

This being the case, Claim 1 present patentable subject matter over the cited prior art. Also, Claims 2-7 depend from Claim 1 and contain all of the unique and novel limitations recited in Claim 1. This being the case, Claims 2-7 also are patentable over the cited prior art.

The Applicant notes that amended independent Claims 8 and 15 contain limitations analogous to the unique and novel limitations recited in Claim 1. This being the case, Claims 8 and 15 present patentable subject matter over the cited prior art. Also, Claims 9-14, which depend from Claim 8, and Claims 16-21, which depend from Claim 15, contain all of the unique and novel limitations recited in Claims 8 and 15, respectively. This being the case, Claims 9-14 and 16-21 are patentable over the *Angiulo*, and *Patil* references.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claims and that this Application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@davismunck.com*.


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